

An aerial photograph of a zebra crossing on a paved road. The crossing consists of alternating black and white horizontal stripes. Several pedestrians are walking across the crossing, and their long shadows are cast onto the white stripes, indicating a low sun position. The pedestrians are dressed in casual attire, including t-shirts, shorts, and hats. One person is holding a black umbrella, and another is holding a blue umbrella. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

LAST DAYS LIVING

A STUDY IN I & II THESSALONIANS

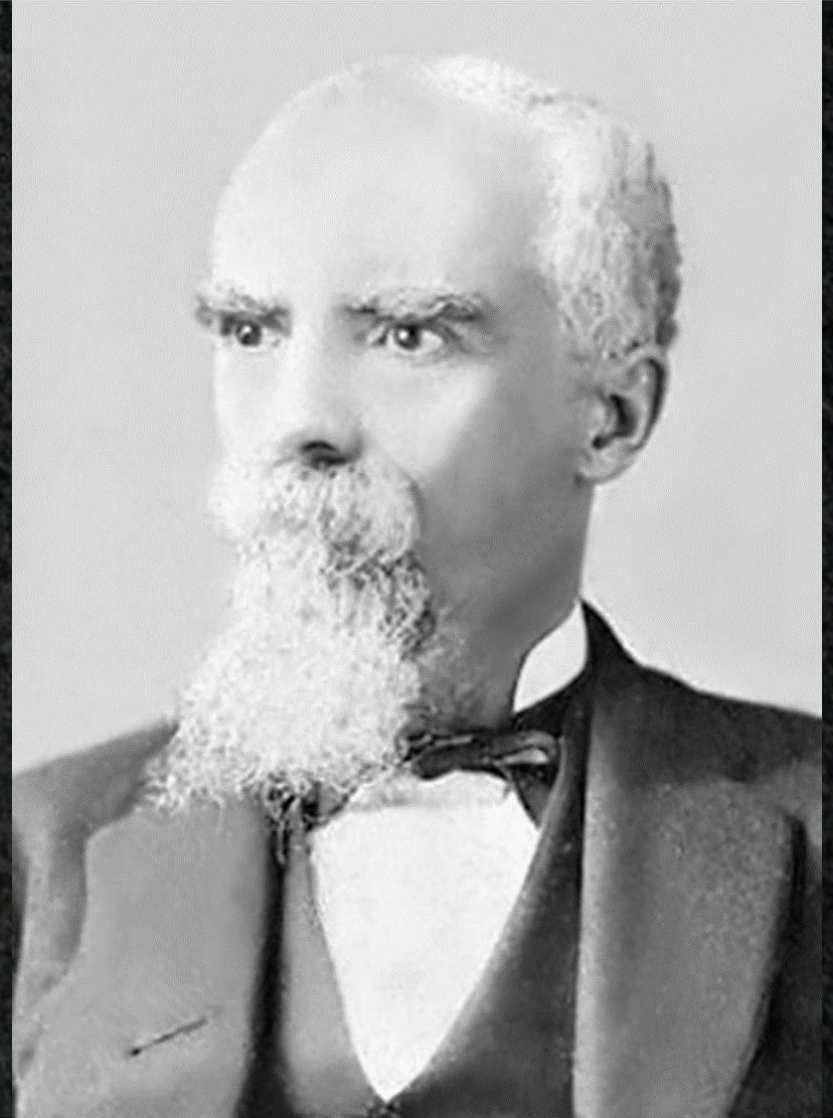
**“The Profile of a Godly Pastor”
(Part 1)**

I THESSALONIANS 2:1-4

- Praying (I Thess 1:2-3)
- Evangelizing (I Thess 1:4-5)
- Equipping (I Thess 1:6-8)
- Defending (I Thess 2:1-6)
- Loving (I Thess 2:7-8)
- Laboring (I Thess 2:9)
- Modeling (I Thess 2:10)
- Leading (I Thess 2:11-12)
- Feeding (I Thess 2:13)
- Suffering (I Thess 2:14-20)
- Watching (I Thess 3:1-8)
- Warning (I Thess 4:1-8)
- Teaching (I Thess 4:9-5:11)
- Exhorting (I Thess 5:12-24)
- Encouraging (II Thess 1:3-12)
- Correcting (II Thess 2:1-12)
- Rebuking (II Thess 3:6, 14)
- Rescuing (II Thess 3:15)

Paul's Model to the Thessalonians

“The preacher...is not a professional man; his ministry is not a profession; it is a divine institution, a divine devotion.”



E.M. Bounds

I Thessalonians 1 What Should a Church Be?

I Thessalonians 2 What Should a Pastor Be?

I Thessalonians 1 and 2

- From Non-Christians – for preaching the Gospel
- From Christians – abandoning the Thessalonians?

The Criticism towards Paul

KEY POINT:

A godly pastor will show evidence of his righteous character by how he shepherds the church.

I. Purposeful in Coming (vs. 1-2)

Who Is a Godly Pastor?

- “*what kind of men we are*” (I Thessalonians 1:5)
- “*our arrival was not without purpose*”
(I Thessalonians 2:2)
- “*bold in our proclamation*” (I Thessalonians 2:3)
- “*words...above reproach*” (I Thessalonians 2:5)
- “*I am like a father to you*” (I Thessalonians 2:11).
- “*God providentially brought us together*”
(I Thessalonians 3:3-4).

What the Thessalonians Knew

- “*what we taught you*” (I Thessalonians 4:2)
- “*God rules over the evil one*”
(II Thessalonians 2:6).
- “*how to imitate us*” (II Thessalonians 3:7)

What the Thessalonians Knew

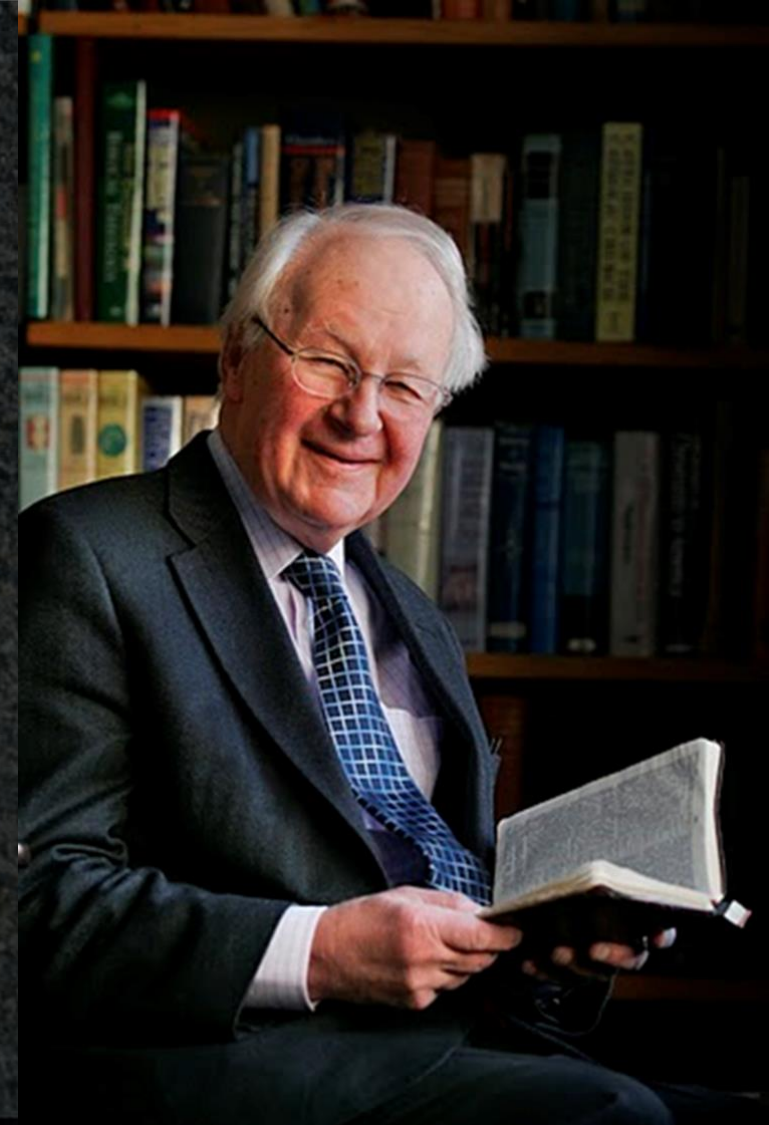
- Means “empty, hollow, lacking purpose, fruitless, empty-handed”
- Used in I Corinthians 15:10, 14 to refer to vain existence of being a Christian without the resurrection of Christ.
- In Ephesians 5:6, Paul warns his readers about being deceived with empty words.

“Not in Vain”

*11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets,
the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,*

Ephesians 4:11-12

“Happy are those Christian leaders today, who hate hypocrisy and love integrity, who have nothing to conceal or be ashamed of, who are well known for who and what they are, and who are able to appeal without fear to God and the public as their witnesses! We need more transparency and openness of this kind today.”



John Stott,
The Message of I & II
Thessalonians

I. Purposeful in Coming (vs. 1-2)

II. Truthful in Appeal (vs. 3)

Who Is a Godly Pastor?

- Error

Paul Was Not Preaching

- Error
- Hypocrisy

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- Error
- Hypocrisy
- Deception

Paul Was Not Preaching

*and my speech and my message were not in
plausible words of wisdom,
but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,*

I Corinthians 2:4

I. Purposeful in Coming (vs. 1-2)

II. Truthful in Appeal (vs. 3)

III. Accountable in Motive (vs. 4)

Who Is a Godly Pastor?

*For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward,
but if not of my own will,
I am still entrusted with a stewardship.*

I Corinthians 9:17

“Let them [pastors] constrain all the power, glory, and excellence of the world to give place to and to obey the divine majesty of this word. Let them enjoin everyone by it, from the highest to the lowest. Let them edify the body of Christ. Let them devastate Satan’s reign...



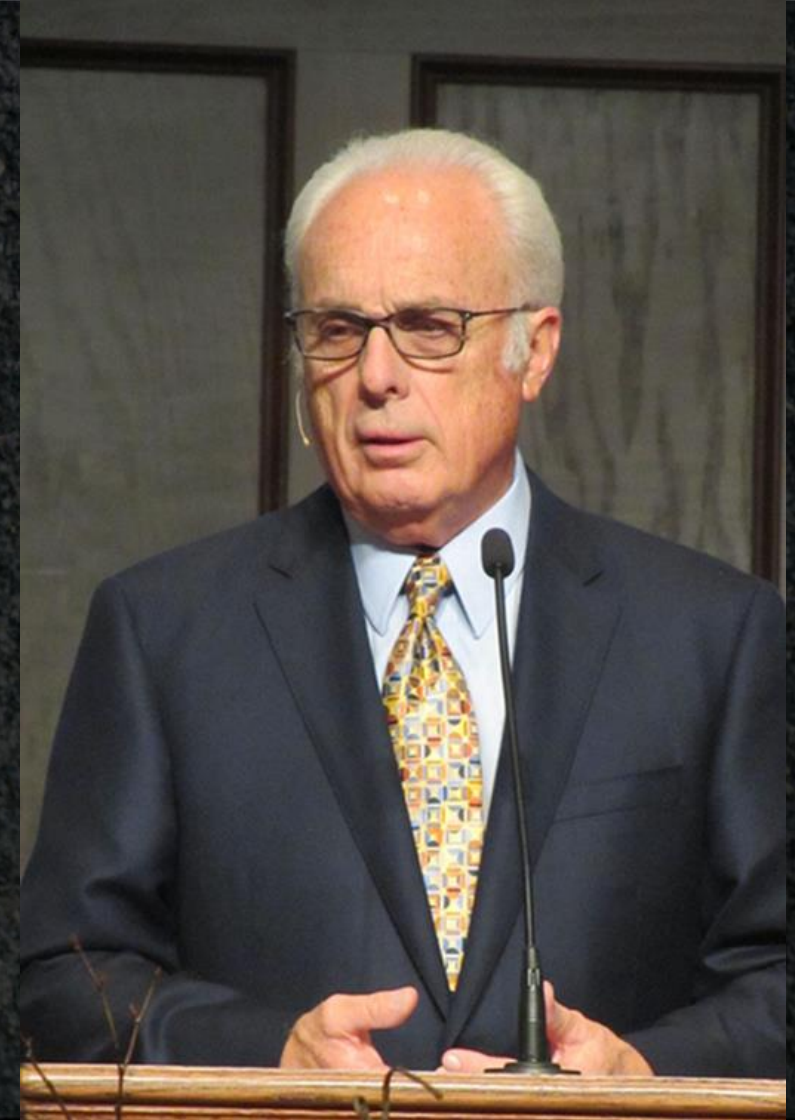
John Calvin

“...Let them pasture the sheep, kill the wolves, instruct and exhort the rebellious. Let them bind and loose thunder and lightning, if necessary, but let them do all according to the Word of God.”



John Calvin

“He did not compromise the gospel. He would not change the least truth in the least way in order to satisfy anyone. But he would condescend in any way for anyone if that would in any way help bring him to Christ. He would never set aside a truth of the gospel, but he would gladly restrict his liberty in the gospel.”



John MacArthur

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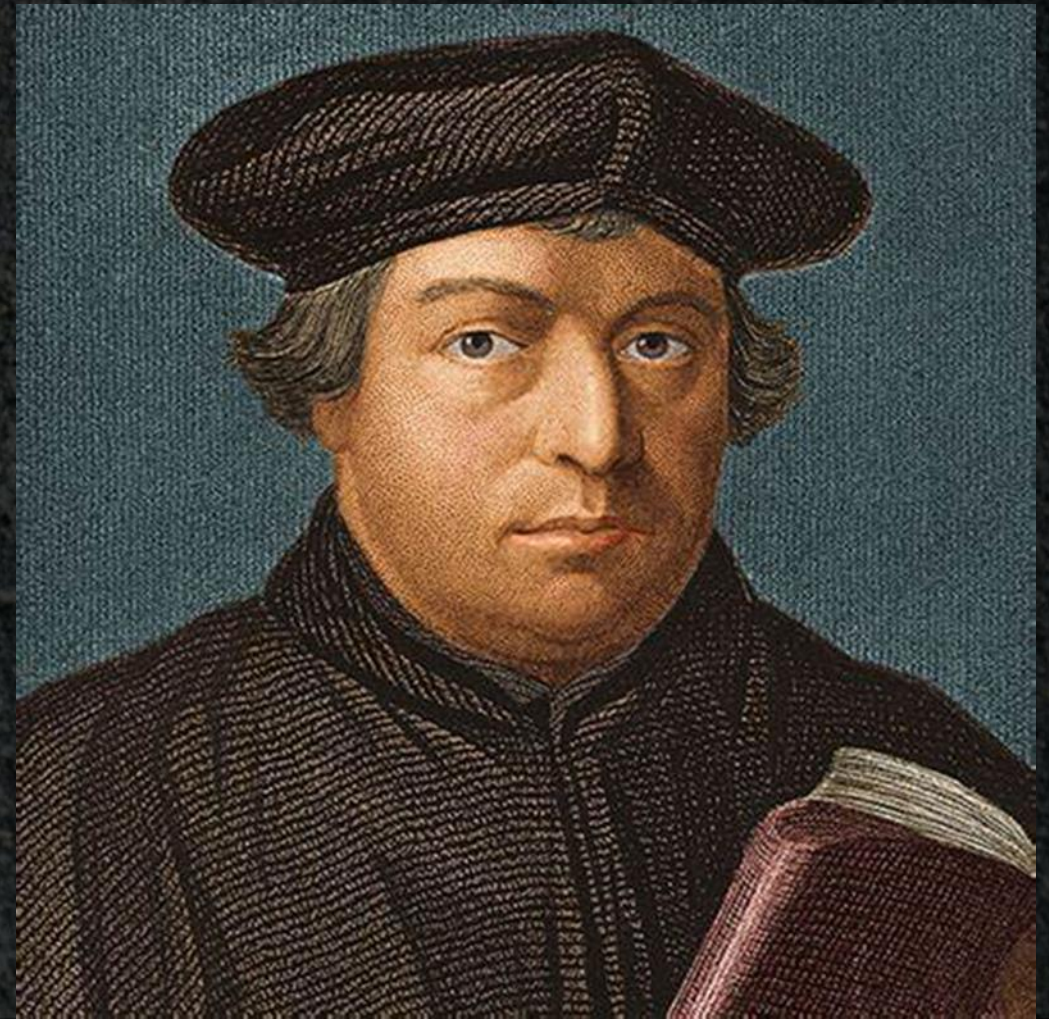
A godly pastor will show evidence of his righteous character by how he shepherds the church.

“Let ministers daily pursue their studies with diligence and constantly busy themselves with them. Moreover, let them with care and diligence beware of the infectious poison of this imagined security and conceited overestimation; rather let them steadily keep on reading, teaching, studying, pondering,...



Martin Luther

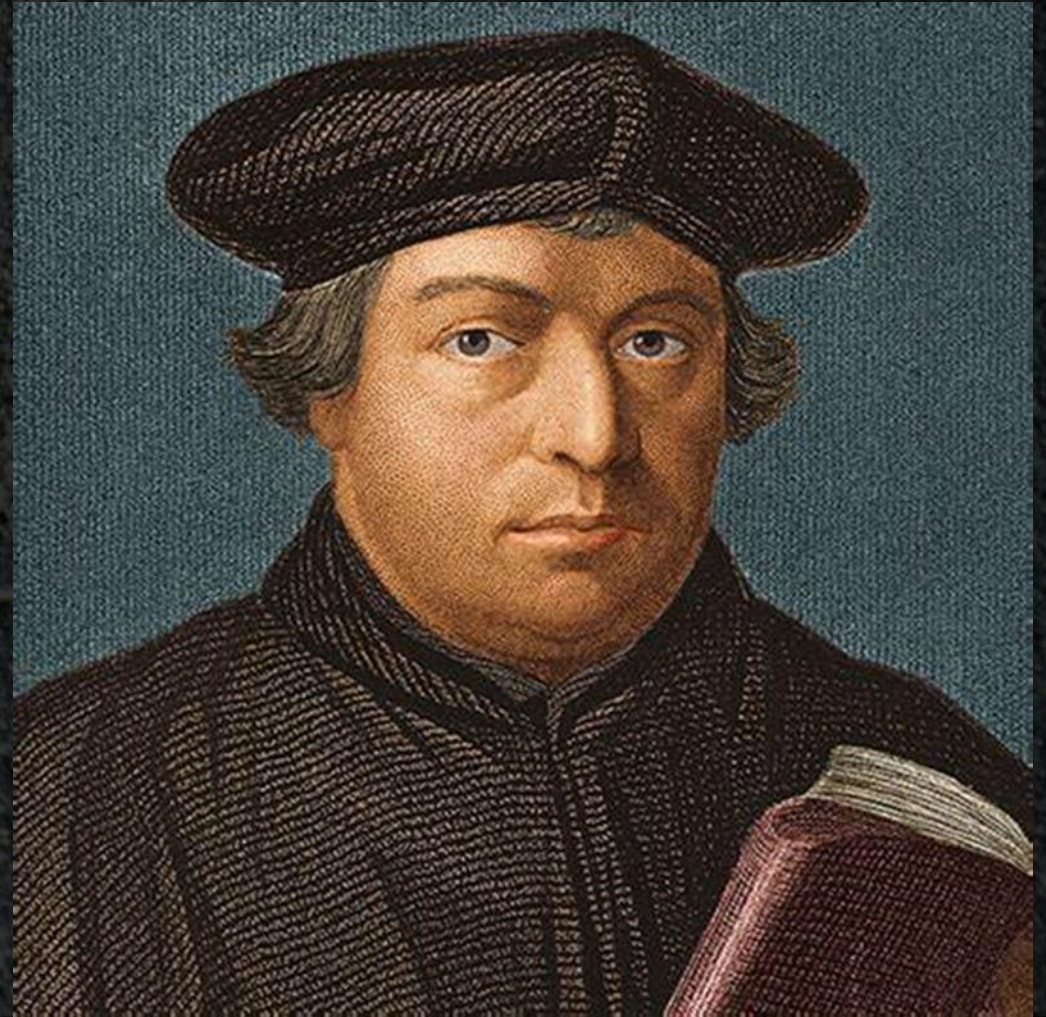
“...and meditating.
My concern should be that
others receive from me
what God has taught me in
Scripture, and that I strive
to present this in the most
attractive form, to teach the
ignorant, to admonish and
encourage those who have
knowledge, to comfort
troubled consciences,
to awaken and strengthen...



Martin Luther

“...negligent and sleepy hearts as Paul did, and as he commanded his pupils Timothy and Titus to do. This should be my concern; how others get the truth from me.

Studying is my work – the work God wants me to do. And if it pleases Him, He will bless it.”



Martin Luther